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August 29, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**GRANT AWARD FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES -
LOS ANGELES MOMMY AND BABY (LAMB): RACIAL-ETHNIC DISPARITIES
IN LOW BIRTHWEIGHT PROJECT
(All Districts) (3 Votes)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and instruct the Acting Director of Public Health, or his designee, to accept the attached Letter of Intent, Exhibit I, from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), to support the Los Angeles Mommy and Baby Project (LAMB): Racial-Ethnic Disparities in Low Birthweight Project in the amount of \$168,311, effective upon the date of Board approval through December 31, 2006, with provisions for two one-year automatic renewals in the amount of \$187,845 for the period effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 and \$181,540 for the period effective January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, for total grant award of \$537,696, at no County cost, contingent upon satisfactory progress reports, and subject to review and approval by County Counsel, the Chief Administrative Office, and notification of Board offices.
2. Delegate authority to the Acting Director of Public Health, or his designee, to accept and sign the forthcoming subaward Grant from UCLA in the amount of \$168,311, effective date of Board approval through December 31, 2006, with provision for two one-year automatic renewals, contingent upon satisfactory progress reports, and subject to review and approval by County Counsel, the Chief Administrative Office, and notification of Board offices.

3. Delegate authority to the Acting Director of Public Health, or his designee, to accept and sign amendments, in an amount not to exceed 25% over the base award of the subaward Grant and subsequent subawards, for the second and third year, similar to the subaward Grant effective upon the date of Board approval through December 31, 2006 to support program services for the LAMB project, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, the Chief Administrative Office, and notification of Board offices.
4. Authorize the Department of Public Health (DPH or Department) to fill one Full Time Equivalent position (FTE), Chief Research Analyst and four part-time Student Professional Workers, as detailed in Attachment B, in excess of what is provided for in the Department's staffing ordinance, pursuant to Section 6.06.020 of the County Code, and subject to allocation. These positions are 100% offset by grant funds.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Board approval of the recommended actions will authorize the acceptance of a grant subaward received by UCLA from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), to support LAMB Project activities. The LAMB project will enable the Department to survey over 5,000 mothers who recently delivered babies who reside in Los Angeles County. The project will examine the potential association between race-related factors and poor birth outcomes. Additionally, the Department will be able to monitor maternal experiences that occurred before, during, and after pregnancy and identify effective public health strategies in reducing racial and ethnic disparities in important health status indicators, such as low birth weight and infant mortality.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The total program cost for the period effective upon the date of Board approval through December 31, 2008 is \$537,696, fully offset by grant funds. Funding allocation details are as follows: \$168,311 effective upon the date of Board approval through December 31, 2006; \$187,845 for Calendar Year (CY) 2007; and \$181,540 for CY 2008. There are no net County cost.

Funding will be included in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Supplemental Budget and will be requested in future fiscal years, as needed.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

For a number of years, the Board has authorized the acceptance of grant funds for the provision of Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) programs in Los Angeles County. The primary goal of the LAMB Project is to examine racial-ethnic disparities in low birthweight in an effort to identify the potential association between race-related factors and poor birth outcomes.

The infant death rate in Los Angeles County (LAC) increased from 4.9 infant deaths per 1,000 live births in 1999 to 5.5 in 2002, resulting in a 12.2% increase. Although Antelope Valley Service Planning Area (SPA) 1 represented 6% of the infant deaths reported in 2002, the infant death rate surpassed other SPAs, showing an increase of 112% between 1999 and 2002, while the rest of LAC remained relatively stable. The SPA 1 infant death rate increased from 5.0 deaths per 1,000 live births in 1999, to 10.6 deaths per 1,000 live births in 2002 (35 and 52 deaths, respectively).

African Americans have experienced the highest infant death rate in LAC. In 2002 the African American infant death rate was 13.1 per 1,000 live births, which was more than double the rate for Whites (5.2 deaths per 1,000 live births). This trend is also prevalent in the Antelope Valley area. The infant death rate for African Americans in the Antelope Valley increased from 11.07 (7 cases) in 1999 to 32.7 (27 cases) in 2002, while other ethnic groups only had slight increases.

In response to the increase in infant mortality in SPA 1, the Board instructed the Department to conduct a study of others in SPA 1 to identify factors associated with low birth weight and preterm births and adverse birth outcomes that are associated with infant mortality.

In October 2004 the MCAH program piloted the LAMB Project to 1) identify factors associated with low birth weight and preterm birth; and 2) estimate the prevalence of selected maternal risk factors and behaviors from before, during, and after pregnancy. Program participants and communities throughout the County supported this outreach project and advocated for its continuation.

In June 2005 the MCAH program obtained County Internal Review Board (IRB) approval to expand LAMB countywide. The MCAH program collaborated with UCLA to apply for a research grant from the Federal Maternal Child Health Bureau to continue the LAMB project.

In April 2006 the Department was notified by UCLA that the HRSA grant was approved and included grant funds for the Racial-Ethnic Disparities in Low in Birthweight: A Multilevel Study in Los Angeles County project and that the County would receive a sub-grant award pending the necessary IRB approvals.

County Counsel has approved Exhibit I as to form.

Attachments A and B provide additional information.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

Not applicable to this action.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

Approval of the recommended actions will assist the DPH in the continuation of the LAMB project with important implications for improving birth outcomes countywide.

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When approved, this Department requires three signed copies of the Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,



fw Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D.
Acting Director and Health Officer

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Attachments (3)

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller

SUMMARY OF AGREEMENTS

1. **TYPE OF SERVICES:**

A study to examine racial-ethnic disparities in low birthweight to identify the potential association between race-related factors and poor birth outcomes.

2. **AGENCY ADDRESSES, CONTACT PERSONS:**

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Office of Contract and Grant Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90024
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Subgrant Contact:

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3. **TERM SUBGRANT AWARD:**

Effective upon the date of Board approval through December 31, 2006, with provisions for two one-year automatic renewals effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 and January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

4. **FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

The total program cost for the period effective upon the date of Board approval through December 31, 2008 is \$537,696, fully offset by grant funds. Funding allocation details are as follows: \$168,311 effective date of Board approval through December 31, 2006; \$187,845 for Calendar Year (CY) 2007; and \$181,540 for CY 2008. There are no net County cost.

Funding will be included in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Supplemental Budget and will be requested in future fiscal years, as needed.

5. **PRIMARY GEOGRAPHIC AREAS TO BE SERVED:**

Countywide

6. **DESIGNATED ACCOUNTABLE FOR PROJECT MONITORING:**

Cynthia Harding, MPH, Director, Maternal Child, and Adolescent Health Programs

7. **APPROVALS:**

Public Health: John F. Schunhoff, Ph.D., Acting Chief Deputy

Contracts and Grants Division: Gary Izumi, Acting Chief

County Counsel (approval as to form): Allison Morse, Deputy County Counsel

**GRANT AWARD WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES
LOS ANGELES MOMMY AND BABY PROJECT (LAMB):
RACIAL-ETHNIC DISPARITIES IN LOW BIRTHWEIGHT**

POSITION ALLOCATION REQUEST

Personnel Detail

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)

Position Requested:	Number of Position (s):	Percent of Time
Chief Research Analyst	1	100%

Proposed Duties (List in order of importance):

- I. Supervises Los Angeles Mommy and Baby (LAMB) project.
- II. Prepares Institutional Review Board application (s).
- III. Convenes LAMB project advisory team.
- IV. Convenes a focus group to review survey instruments and works with LAMB team, project principal investigator, and program managers to review and finalize survey instruments.
- V. Develops protocols.
- VI. Provides and coordinates necessary project training for LAMB staff members.
- VII. Oversees LAM data collection and management procedures including schedules for mailing LAMB questionnaires and telephone follow-up; monitoring telephone interviews; supervising data entry; editing and correcting data files; overseeing quality control of LAMB data; and monitoring security and confidentiality of LAMB data.
- VIII. Develops and promotes LAMB projects and recommends standards for evaluating LAMB projects and research reports.
- IX. Participates in policy discussions regarding LAMB data collection and analyzing LAMB data.
- X. Promotes dissemination of LAMB data and other information related to maternal and child health within the community via print and electronic media.
- XI. Analyze LAMB data, prepares reports and make recommendations.
- XII. Collaborates with other DPH programs, other County Departments and outside agencies.

PART-TIME POSITIONS

Position Requested:	Number of Position(s):	Percent of Time:
Student Professional Worker	4	80 hrs./month

**Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office
Grant Management Statement for Grants Exceeding \$100,000**

Department: Health Services - Maternal Child and Adolescent Health Program

Grant Project Title and Description - Los Angeles Mommy & Baby (LAMB) Project:

A survey to measure racial-ethnic disparities in low birthweight to identify the potential association between health disparities and poor birth outcomes. Additionally, this project will enable the Department to continue to monitor maternal experiences from before, during, and after pregnancy.

Funding Agency	Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
UCLA	Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) G	ASAP

Total Amount of Grant	\$537,696	County Match Requirements		
Grant Period: 3 years	Begin	Date of Board Approval	End Date:	12/31/08
Number of Personnel Hired -Grant	1	Full	X	Part Time

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant funded program? Yes X No

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? X No

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires Yes No X

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:

a). Absorb the program cost without reducing other services Yes No X

b). Identify other revenue sources Yes X No

Describe

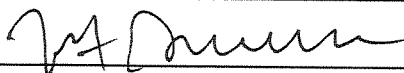
c). Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by this grant. Yes X No

Impact of additional personnel on existing space: None

Other requirements not mentioned above:

None

Department Head Signatu



Date 8-17-06

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August 2, 2006

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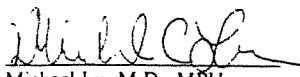
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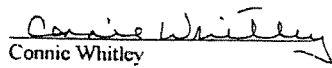
Dear Ms. Harding:

This letter is written to inform you that Dr. Lu, MD, MPH has initiated a subaward agreement with CLADHS MCAHP in the amount \$168,311 over the one-year period beginning January 1, 2006. UCLA has received Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Grant No. R40MC06635-01, which includes funding for the subaward. The subaward document will be issued as soon as possible and will contain applicable UCLA and HRSA flow down terms and conditions.

Contingent upon the availability of funding from HRSA, and upon the progress of the project, it is anticipated that two additional years of subaward funding will be provided at the following levels:

1/1/07 - 12/31/07	\$187,845
1/1/08 - 12/31/08	\$181,540


Michael Lu, M.D., MPH
Principal Investigator


Connie Whitley
Sr. Contract and Grant Officer
UCLA Office of Contract and Grant Administration

cc: Sharon Lam, UCLA Subaward Administrator

Schedule 1

Los Angeles County - Department of Public Health
Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Programs
Los Angeles Mommy and Baby (LAMB) Project: Racial-Ethnic Disparities In Low Birthweight
Budget period from date of Board approval to December 31, 2006

I.	PERSONNEL	# Position	% FTE	MONTHS	MONTHLY SALARY	BUDGET
	Chief Research Analyst - (Project Coordinator)	0	0%	0	\$ 6,092.27	\$ -
	Subtotal Salaries					0
	Employee Benefits @	47.4026%				0
	Student Professional Worker	4	50%	960 hrs./year	\$10.30/hour	39,552
	TOTAL PERSONNEL					39,552
II.	OPERATING EXPENSES					
	Office Supplies					37,000
	Translation services					3,300
	Equipment					5,000
	Mileage					150
	Training/Travel					3,500
	Incentive (\$20 gift certificate X 3,200 respondents+\$1,200 Drawings)					65,200
	LAMB Puppets					5,000
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES					119,150
	INDIRECT COST @	24.2958%	of Full and Part Time Salaries			9,609
	GRAND TOTAL					\$ 168,311

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Budget period from 1/1/07 to 12/31/07

I.	PERSONNEL	# Position	% FTE	MONTHS	MONTHLY SALARY	BUDGET
	Chief Research Analyst - (Project Coordinator)	1	100%	12	\$ 6,092.27	\$ 73,107
	Subtotal Salaries					73,107
	Employee Benefits @	47.4026%				34,655
	Student Professional Worker	4	50%	720 hrs./year	\$10.30/hour	29,664
	TOTAL PERSONNEL					137,426
II.	OPERATING EXPENSES					
	Office Supplies					18,600
	Equipment					3,500
	Travel/Training					3,350
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES					25,450
	INDIRECT COST @	24.2958%	of Full and Part Time Salaries			24,969
	GRAND TOTAL					\$ 187,845

Schedule 1

Los Angeles County - Department of Public Health
Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Programs
Los Angeles Mommy and Baby (LAMB) Project: Racial-Ethnic Disparities In Low Birthweight
Budget period from 1/1/08 to 12/31/08

I.	PERSONNEL	# Position	% FTE	MONTHS	MONTHLY SALARY	BUDGET
	Chief Research Analyst - (Project Coordinator)	1	100%	12	6,092.27	\$ 73,107
	Subtotal Salaries					73,107
	Employee Benefits @	47.4026%				34,655
	Student Professional Worker	4	50%	840 hrs./year	\$10.30/hour	34,608
	TOTAL PERSONNEL					142,370
II.	OPERATING EXPENSES					
	Office Supplies					6,500
	Printing (final report)					2,500
	Equipment					2,000
	Training/Travel					2,000
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES					13,000
	INDIRECT COST @	24.2958%	of Full and Part Time Salaries			26,170
	GRAND TOTAL					\$ 181,540